State Government and Planning Commission, it was estimated that a fare increase of [illegible] paise per passenger kilometre would [illegible] to wipe out the estimated loss of Rs. 62.17 crores.

[illegible] State Government's proposal [illegible] for the [illegible] Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation [illegible] 1990-91 Plan has been accepted [illegible] Planning Commission.

[illegible] centres of Indira Gandhi National Open University

[illegible]. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of study centres of Indira Gandhi Open University which are functioning in the country, especially in Bihar; and

(b) what is the number of such centres which are proposed to be opened during the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University [illegible] 33 study centres are functioning in the country of which 6 are in Bihar.

(b) No more study centres are proposed to be opened during the current Seventh Five Year Plan.

UGC Scheme for the selection of teachers

1753. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new scheme has been started by the University Grants Commission for selection of teachers; and

(b) if so, what are the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] colleges [illegible] communicated to the State Governments on [illegible] July, 1989 [illegible] conditions for recruitment and qualifications for appointment of teachers. The scheme also provides that only those candidates who, besides fulfilling the minimum academic qualifications prescribed for the post of lecturer have qualified in a comprehensive test, to be specially conducted for the purpose, will be eligible for appointment as lecturers.

The main features of the scheme prepared by UGC in consultation with the State Government and academics are as follows:

— The UGC wil conduct a combined test for Junior Research Fellowships and Lcturers at the National level. Two separate eligible lists of JRFs|Lecturers will be prepared. The test will be held twice in a year.

— State Governments will be free to hold separate tests accredited by the [illegible] of the UGC.

— The minimum [illegible] qualification [illegible] in the common JRF/Lecturer test will be 55 per cent marks at the Master's Level.

— Candidates who have done M. Phil/Ph. D. are exempted from the test upto 1991 (December) and 1992 (December) respectively.

Nehru Yuvak Kendras in Bihar

1754 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nehru Yuvak Kendras set up in Bihar; and